

Nodewatcher monitoring and deployment system

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wlan ljubljana – open wireless network in Ljubljana, Slovenia http://wlan-lj.net



Nodewatcher https://nodes.wlan-lj.net

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> > And others.



In the beginning...

 \dots there was chaos!







Everything by hand.

Node status. IP allocation. Map. Node configuration.



Two main problems:

Confusion for node maintainers. Confusion for new participants.



And we do not have time, energy or users to spare.



How to make a mesh with a crew of just a few?



Along came a nodewatcher.

Automate as much as possible.



Planning.

Deployment.

Monitoring and maintenance.



Planning.

IP allocations. Interfaces: subnets, DHCP, VPN. Position on the map. And other node properties.



Deployment.

Image generator.

Or just reference configuration.



Deployment.

Plug-and-mesh.

There is no web-based configuration on nodes.



Monitoring and maintenance.

OLSR status. Internal node status.



Monitoring and maintenance.

HTTP, simple format.

No SNMP.



general.version: 2.0b.r796 general.local_time: 1259248995 general.uptime: 1334081.18 1283631.13 general.loadavg: 0.02 0.03 0.00 1/31 7409 general.memfree: 2512 general.buffers: 0 general.cached: 2728 wifi.bssid: 02:CA:FF:EE:BA:BE



Extendable.

Robust.

Accessible.



Aggregation.

Analysis.

Presentation.



Monitoring and maintenance.

WAN/VPN policy.



Monitoring and maintenance.

Events.

E-mail notifications, RSS.



Nodewatcher.

Not so easy to implement.

Right.



WAN/VPN policy for every node.

Parallelization.

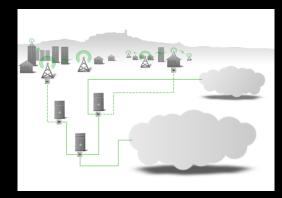
Robustness.



Future.

Documentation. Abstract wlan ljubljana specific things. Decentralization (VPN). Replication. Support for other routing protocols. Network traffic flow calculation and visualization. A cross-platform desktop flasher application.







Free access to knowledge and information.

Not just a network. Network is only a tool.

Free Internet connectivity.



User experience.

Not more technical than necessary.



But open and hackable.

A platform/framework.

You can still add web-based configuration to your node. If you want.



Example: solar node.



Future.

Mesh long and prosper!



Collaboration with other projects/networks.



Questions?

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